### Secretary Sets Aside 79 Million Acres for National Parks, Etc.

WASHINGTON — Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton announced that he is setting aside nearly 79 million acres in Alaska which will be actes in Ataska Whiten Will be studied for possible additions to the National Park, Forest, Wild-life Refuge, and Wild and Senic Rivers Systems. The so-called "Four Systems"

The so-called "Four Systems" lands thus withdrawn are almost half the size of Texas. Put another way, they are as large as New York State and New Jersey, plus all six of the New England States combined.

The action is in accordance with the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act which was signed into law by President Nixon on December 18, 1971. It confirms, with some final acreage and boundary adjustments, the set-asides which the Secretary initially announced in March and which, under the Act, he is required to make final

prior to September 18, 1972.
"This action," Secretary Morton said at a press conference,
"could result, after study and favorable Congressional action, in doubling the lands now con-tained in the National Park and wildlife Refuge Systems and could provide significant additions to the National Forest and the Wild and Scenic Rivers Systems.

Systems.
"In selecting these final areas I have chosen not only areas of unique splendor, but also a mixture of habitats which support a wide range of wildlife—the great marine mammals, millions of shorebirds and waterfowl, grizzly bears, caribou, and sheep. The rivers and lakes serve

sheep. The rivers and lakes serve as habitat for the great runs of salmon and trout."

The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to make two types of land with-

Section 17 (d) (1) allows the withdrawal of lands allows the withdrawal of lands in the general public interest, pending further study and classi-fication. Section 17 (d) (2) further authorizes the with-drawal of up to 80 million acres to be studied for inclusion in the four national systems. in the four national systems.

The Act also requires the Secretary to advise Congress at six-month intervals of his specific recommendations for the use of the withdrawn D-2 land areas. of the withdrawn D-2 land areas. Congress has five years from the recommendation dates to act before the D-2 withdrawals automatically terminate.

Secretary Morton said that the areas tentatively identified in March for the D-2, or four systems, withdrawals have been extensively studied during the

past six months.

As a result, about 14 million acres of the D-2 80 million acres that was initially withdrawn have been shifted to D-1 public interest areas and to State and Native land selection areas.

A slightly smaller total acreage has been added to the initial D-2 withdrawal, thus holding the overall total close to the authorized 80-million-acre limi-

authorized 80-million-acre limitation.

D-2 lands are withdrawn from new locations and leasing under the mining and mineral laws, from Native and State selection, and from entry under the public land laws. D-1 lands are onen to metallifetous mining. are open to metallifarous mining claims but are withdrawn from other land actions listed above.

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In deciding on the withdrawals made, the Department of the Interior has worked closely with the State of Alaska and with the Joint Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission which was established by the Settlement Act.

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areas for inclusion in the four systems the Department will be concerned with creating manageable units for lands in the system and for adjacent lands.

"We will, therefore, look not only at the D-2 land but at the D-1 land in making our study and recommendations and will endeavor, as much as possible, to preserve natural management units and complete ecosystems

intact."

Among the more significant areas withdrawn to be studied for inclusion in the Four systems are the following:

1. The Wrangell Mountains This area, in southeastern Alaska, combined with the adjoining Edward Parkers National Parkers of Parkers P

Kluane National Park of Canada, is truly the mountain kingdom of North America. Mt. St. Elias towers more than 18,000 feet above the Pacific Ocean only above the Pacific Ocean only 18 miles away and a number of other peaks rise above 16.000 feet. Glaciers of every variety abound. Bering Glacier, 127 miles long, is the largest and longest in North America and Malaspina Glacier is larger than the State of Rhode Island. Heavy glaciation from the Great Ice Ages to the present has carved a mixture of high, steep primacles and ridges separated by deep valleys and broad basins. The Copper and Chitina Rivers surround the Wrangells and the area supports a great diversity of plant and animal

2. Mt. McKinley Area Lands north of Mt. McKinley National Park are primarily low-land tundra and spruce and spruce and and spruce-birch forests and are striated with a multitude of

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